



Weather Observer Programs



Do you want to be a weather observer for NOAA's National Weather Service? There are several different volunteer observation programs that provide vital weather information to the meteorologists at Alaska's Weather Forecast Offices. Your volunteer efforts will help improve weather warnings, advisories and forecasts for Alaska.

Weather Spotter

Report significant weather to National Weather Service 24/7. This includes heavy rain or snow, hail, flooding, and damaging winds. All training and equipment is provided by the National Weather Service. Please contact the Warning Coordination Meteorologist at your local forecast office:

Anchorage: Sam Albanese, sam.albanese@noaa.gov, (907) 266-5117
Fairbanks: John Lingaas, john.lingaas@noaa.gov, (907) 458-3700
Juneau: Joel Curtis, joel.curtis@noaa.gov, (907) 790-6802

Citizen Weather Observer

If you have an automated home weather station and an internet connection, you can send your data directly to the National Weather Service. Please contact the focal point at your local forecast office:

Anchorage: Andy Brown, andrew.brown@noaa.gov, (907) 266-5105
Fairbanks: Ed Plumb, Edward.plumb@noaa.gov, (907) 458-3700
Juneau: Kimberly Vaughan, Kimberly.vaughan@noaa.gov, (907) 790-6802

Cooperative Weather Observer

Record the daily maximum and minimum temperature, rain, and snowfall data at your home. All equipment is provided by the National Weather Service. Please contact the focal point at your local forecast office:

Anchorage: Dan Peterson, Dan.C.Peterson@noaa.gov, (907) 266-5105
Fairbanks: Brad Sipperley, brad.sipperley@noaa.gov, (907) 458-3713
Juneau: Kimberly Vaughan, Kimberly.vaughan@noaa.gov, (907) 790-6802